

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – July, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

Announcements

The President's Message is on vacation this month. In lieu of the President's message, herewith a few announcements:

July Wes Busby Tournament: Our annual July sectional tournament will be held at the LBA clubhouse from the 12th to the 15th. **Ellen Lappa** will be the Partnership Chair. Contact Ellen at 504-832-0832 if you need help with partnership arrangements.

Parking: Parking is available every Thursday and both Thursday and Friday during tournaments in the 16 spots against our fence in the parking lot of the Japanese restaurant behind us. (The restaurant is Oki Nago Japanese Seafood Buffet; enter on North Arnoult). There is a gate through the fence. Please do not park on our grass unless all these spots are taken. For tournaments, please use this lot first and leave our lot for visitors, new players and members who have trouble walking. Also, please see the notice at the club about parking across the street at OTB.

Help the Christmas Party! To raise money for the 2013 regional tournament to be held in New Orleans, we are having a boutique and mini silent auction at this year's Christmas party. If you have contributions to either the boutique or auction, please contact **Jackie Madden** (888-4245) or **Patti Harp** (862-4910) to donate.



Tournament Results

Baton Rouge LA Sectional May 31-June 3, 2012

Firsts:

Beth Todd & Pat Mason: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
Wanda Hoffmeister & Betty Parke: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt E.
John Federico & Paul Deal: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
J. F. Lowenstein & Beth Todd: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.
Susan Taylor, Wayne Weisler, Geoff Chichester & Tilghman Moore: Sun BCD Swiss, Flight B.

Gulfport MS Sectional June 8-10, 2012

Firsts:

Paul Deal: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Paul Deal, Fred Woodruff & Bob Bowers: Sun Swiss, Flt A.

Jackson MS Regional June 11-17, 2012

Firsts:

Madonna Abroms & Sarah Pasternack: Mon Aft Pairs, Flt C.
Bernie Weiss & James Bush: Mon Eve Pairs, Flight A.
Marilyn Kelly & Jean Faia: Tue BC Pairs, Flight B.
Debbie Rothschild: Tue BC Pairs, Flight C.
Kitten Haag & Sally Toups: Tue Aft Side Pairs, Flight A.
Jennie Sauviac & Nonie Leavitt: Tue AM Side Swiss, Flt A.
Tim Calamari, Roy Richardson, Carolyn York & Betty Townsend: Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 3.
Janet Patterson, Sylvia Kitziger, Judy Serou & Marilyn Seward: Tue PM Side Swiss, Flight C.
Beth Todd, James Thornton, David Wolf & Mickey Groggel: Wed-Thu KO, Bracket 2.
Doris Liukkonen, John Liukkonen & Ronald Berenger: Thu AM Side Swiss, Flight A.
Beth Todd & David Wolf: Second Side Series, Flight B.
Marilyn Seward & Sylvia Kitziger: Fri BC Pairs, Flight B.
Beth Todd, James Thornton, David Wolf & Mickey Groggel: Sun AX Swiss, Flight X (tie).



70% Games

05/30 William Sewell & Elizabeth Sewell 71.46%
06/01 Audrey Cerise & Bill Gentry 71.87%
06/05 Bobbie Gattuso & Jerrilyn Stumpf 70.19%
06/07 Jim Kessler & Arthur De Fraités 72.19%
06/07 B. B. Gordon & Joan Van Geffen 70.25%
06/21 Carl Merlin & Doug de Montluzin 72.47%

Did you have a 70% or better game? We want to report it in the *Kibitzer*. As soon as you complete a 70%+ game, have the director put a note in the *Kibitzer* envelope on the bulletin board in the hall.



Upcoming Special Events

Wednesday, July 4: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee, lunch at Noon.
Tuesday, July 10: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.
***July 12-15:** Metairie Wes Busby Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.
***July 12-22:** Philadelphia PA Summer NABC.
****Monday, July 23:** NAP Qualifying game, 10:30 AM, \$7.00 fee.
****Thursday, July 26:** NAP Qualifying game, Noon, \$7.00 fee.
July 30-August 5: Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.
***See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html** for complete information about upcoming tournaments.
****See www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php** for information about the North American Pairs (NAP) games.



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Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Barbara E. Boegel
 Gayle Z. Brignac
 Sherrie B. Goodman
 Christine B. Johnson
 Thelma C. Kern
 Patrick A. Madden
 Daniel G. Onofrey
 Margaret D. Peters
 Helene H. Rufty
 Kathleen M. Stuart



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Jill B. Chenevert
 Celia Deininger
 Olga Pierre
 Elaine L. Wilczynski

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Martha Baldwin
 Melinda W. Jones
 Ann Mahorner

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Dianne P. Butler
 G. Price Crane
 Fred M. Lay

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

James M. Kessler

NEW LIFE MASTER

Stephen Kishner

Congratulations to these Unit 134 members upon their advancement in rank.



Happening Online This Month

Expect high-level sessions from the Philadelphia Summer NABC to be added to the BBO Vugraph schedule soon. If previous years are any indication, the later rounds of the Spingold teams championship will be shown. Check the BBO web site for exact dates and times closer to the time: www.bridgebase.com; click on “Vugraph Schedule”.

Also, throughout the month of July, many matches from around the world will also be shown on the BBO Vugraph – from Denmark, China, India, and Turkey.



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Lynne Hand and Daisy Vandenburg bid and made seven diamonds to win a \$21 jackpot on June 20. (They also took first overall that day with a very respectable 64.17% game.)

How it works: Play in the open game on Wednesdays, put up 50 cents per pair to be in the jackpot pool, bid and make a grand slam = you win the pot. It’s that easy!



Foreign Affairs

English: spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs.
 German: Pik, Coeur, Karo, Treff.
 Italian: picche, cuori, quadrii, fiori.

Did you know? At the height of the French Revolution, so abhorrent was the idea of monarchy that it was forbidden to call the picture cards “Kings” and “Queens”.



Know the Director’s Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Claim or Concession of Tricks

You’re at the table near the end of the hand and declarer announces, “The rest are mine.” You have reason to believe that you are still entitled to one or more tricks. What to do?

As always, you need to call the Director.

The Director will attempt to get the claimer to repeat the line of play that he suggested when he made his claim (or concession). Remember that when you make a claim, you must state your intended line of play at the time you claim. It’s generally not a good idea to say something like “The rest are mine.” In particular, if you are in a trump contract, you need to state how you are going to dispose of any missing trumps.

Once the Director has heard the intended line of play, he will try to adjudicate the board as equitably as possible, *but any doubtful points must be resolved against the claimer.* The claimer is restricted to the line of play that accompanied his claim. Thus if there is an outstanding trump, the Director will award that trump to the non-claiming side if the claimer’s stated line of play did not mention trump. The Director must assume that the declarer has forgotten about the trump and award any trick from that forgotten trump to the non-claiming side even if the loss to that trump might be avoided through a normal line of play. Even if, for the class of player involved in the claim, the line of play that would result in the loss of the trick is careless or inferior, unless the claimer’s statement included the missing trump, the claimer loses a trick to it.

Further, the Director is forbidden from accepting any unstated line of play from the claimer that involves finessing one opponent rather than the other for a particular card. The one exception to this rule is when one of the opponents has, prior to the claim, shown out of the suit. In that case, the finesse would be marked and is allowed.

Finally, the non-claiming side can even acquiesce in a claim and later change its mind. For example, a player thinks the claimer’s line works and says, “Okay.” A moment later, the same player realizes that the claim is defective because the player holds a winner that the claim does not take into account. The player making the concession may still contest the claim *as long as* the conceding side has not made a call on a subsequent board or until the round has officially ended.

Bottom line, claims do assist in speeding up the game to everyone’s benefit. However, you must be careful in making a claim. The following recommendations should help you avoid making a contestable claim:

1. Make sure that all trumps are drawn before claiming.
2. Always make a clear statement of your intended line of play. You may even want to make that statement as a preface to saying, “The rest are mine.”
3. Play the hand until you reach such a point that your remaining winners are fully obvious before you claim. It is best if all of your winners are in one hand for ease in explaining why you will take the rest of the tricks.

Follow these suggestions and your claims will stand up.

